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"Public Health Challenges of Odisha: Strategies for Disease Prevention, Healthcare Access, and Tribal Health Inclusion"

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The logo for Argus Odisha Health Connect Season-4. It features the word "argus" in black with a stylized 'a' containing a dot, "ODISHA" in red, "HEALTH" in large blue letters with a white ECG line passing through it, "CONNECT" in blue, and "SEASON-4" in red.

Healthcare in Odisha has been steadily evolving, with significant improvements achieved over the years. However, certain challenges remain on the path toward comprehensive health and wellbeing. Factors such as **economic constraints, social disparities, literacy levels, and gaps in infrastructure** continue to impact access to quality healthcare, especially in the management of communicable diseases. Socio-cultural factors, limited awareness, and uneven service distribution also influence the effectiveness of public health delivery.

The Conclave will be held on 20 December 2025. It will strive to outline a comprehensive Health Roadmap for the state leading up to the year 2036.

SEASON-1



SEASON-2

SEASON-3



Dr. Bharati Praveen Pawar

Chief Guest, Season 1

Dr. Bharati Praveen Pawar highlights India's strong COVID-19 response, Odisha's growing health infrastructure, and priorities like Ayush integration and stronger primary healthcare.

She stresses the role of the health conclave, digital progress through ABHA ID, and major investments under Ayushman Bharat to enhance labs, ICUs, and preparedness.

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal

**Hon'ble Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Government of India, New Delhi**

Chief Guest, Season 2

He highlights PM Narendra Modi's efforts since 2014 to promote AYUSH globally and within India. He calls for modern medicine and traditional systems to work together to ensure public health and safety. India is the first among 170 countries to receive WHO recognition for traditional medicine, reflecting national pride.

Dr. S. S. Ramesh

Shri Satyananda Mishra

Healthcare should be approached as both a physical and social phenomenon requiring cultural change. Media and civil society have key roles in promoting accessible, integrated, and affordable healthcare.

Shri Prithviraj Harichandan

He highlights continuous efforts over three years to make Odisha a major health destination and praises Argus TV. By 2036, projections show Odisha's elderly population will surpass its youth population. Geriatric care will be a major challenge, requiring multidisciplinary coordination across several medical specialties.

Smt. Aswathy S., IAS

Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Odisha

Guest of Honour, Season 3

Odisha has progressed in the health sector but still has a long way to go, requiring long-term planning. The government is planning a vision for Viksit Odisha 2036 aligned with Viksit Bharat 2047. Key focus areas for future planning include major demographic shifts, especially the rise of an ageing population.

Shri Gautam Khanna

CEO, PD Hinduja Hospital & Medical Research, Mumbai

Guest of Honour, Season 3

He outlines three major healthcare challenges: access, affordability, and availability of professionals. Even with infrastructure and affordability, care fails without doctors and nurses to deliver services. He acknowledges ongoing initiatives such as primary health centre rejuvenation in Odisha and India

Dr. Sanghamitra Pati

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Director, ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar ADG, ICMR
New Delhi

Guest of Honour, Season 3

She stresses that patients must participate in their own health and be empowered with knowledge. Around 60–70% of minor illnesses can be managed through self-care, supported by point-of-care diagnostics. Covid-19 showed how information empowers citizens, with media playing a crucial role in spreading health awareness.